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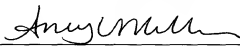
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This Amendment is submitted in answer to the Office Action dated June 19, 2001, which set a three month period for response. Thus, this Amendment is considered timely filed on or before September 19, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

8. (Amended) An article of manufacture, comprising:
a container, and
a composition comprising an active agent contained within said container;
wherein the composition is effective for treating vascular insufficiency or limb ischemia secondary to arterial occlusive disease, and the active agent in said composition comprises HGF.

9. (Amended) The article of manufacture of claim 8 further comprising instructions for administering the HGF to a mammal to treat vascular insufficiency or limb ischemia secondary to arterial occlusive disease.

10. (Amended) A kit, comprising: